New York Jan.y 5.th 1842.

My dear Sir,

Allow me to direct your attention to a "godchild" of yours. I think I may call it so, for you were at least present at its birth, and although as father I may feel more strongly attached to the child than your self having had its welfare to look after through the perils of its infancy, yet I believe you feel some interest in it, and I could wish your influence in having it adopted by one who can take better care of it in its maturity than its natural parent.

To drop the metaphor my dear Sir, I am anxious that the Government should adopt my Telegraph. You will see

by the documents I enclose where the subject has been left by Congress much to my injury. The scientific and mechanical parts of the invention are perfected. It wants only the means to put it into operation. My invention is prior to all that pretend to practicability, prior to the English and the German, and yet both the latter are in operation. — The practicability of the invention is no longer a problem. Wheatstone's (a much more complicated and less efficient system as decided by the first tribunal of Europe,) is still in successful operation in England for more than One Hundred miles. It is contracted for between Liverpool & London, Bristol & London and Portsmouth and London.

When the immense advantages of the Telegraphic System to all the interests of society are considered, to commerce, to government but specially to defence, is not the project worthy of consideration? It ought to be known that my system has been pronounced by the first Scientific Societies of France, and by the Commission of the French Government as "the system which has the best chance of a practical application."

There is no peradventure in the matter, it is demonstrated that two minds ten thousand miles apart can interchange their thoughts with the precision of a personal interview, instantaneously! It is practicable. Shall it be done? Will Congress aid me by the passage of the bill reported by the Com.tee of Commerce

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of the House in showing to Congress
the next session the practical
results of a Telegraphic line
between Washington & Baltimore?

With sincere respect and
esteem I am dear Sir
Yr. Mo. Ob. Servt.
Sam. F. B. Morse.

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The letter you were so kind as to
furnish me some years since when I
had the pleasure of seeing you at Wash.n
you will find alluded to in the French
report p. 5.r —

I ought perhaps to add that
the recommendation proposed at the
end of that report was adopted, and the
Great Medal of Honor was awarded
me by the Academy. —